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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2037.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

ADULTERATION OF MILK.

On July 15, 1912, the United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against George E. Larkham, Canterbury, Conn., alleging shipment by him, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about September 6, 1911, from the State of Connecticut into the State of Rhode Island, of a quantity of milk which was adulterated.

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: This product contained 2,500,000 organisms per cubic centimeter developing on plain agar at 37° C. after 2 days' incubation; 1,600,000 organisms per cubic centimeter developing on litmus lactose agar at 25° C. after 2 days' incubation, 600,000 of which were of the acid type; 10,000 gas-producing organisms per cubic centimeter in bile fermentation tubes; 10,000 streptococci per cubic centimeter. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal or vegetable substance.

On July 23, 1912, the defendant entered a plea of *nolo contendere* and the court imposed a fine of \$40.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *November 27, 1912.*